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Commander Dexter Bishop: The Officers and Brothers of the 135th Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will come to order. The Guide will check to ensure that all are entitled to remain. The Color Bearer will assist on the right.

Guide Charles Lewis: Commander, I find all are entitled to remain.

Commander Dexter Bishop: The Secretary will call the roll.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Commander Dexter Bishop.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Senior Vice Commander Conley Ford.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent. Conley sends his regrets that he could not be here but he is having medical issues.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers.

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Here.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Council One Edward Norris.

Council Edward Norris: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Council Two Kevin Tucker.

Council Kevin Tucker: Present

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Council Three George Maple.

Council George Maple: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray. Present. Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London.

Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London: Present

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Chaplain Peter Preble

Chaplain Peter Preble: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Historian Peter Preble.

Historian Peter Preble: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Color Bearer Richard Cultrera.

Color Bearer Richard Cultrera: Here

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Guide Charles Lewis.

Guide Charles Lewis: Here.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Counselor Kevin Tucker.

Counselor Kevin Tucker: Here.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Civil War Memorials Officer Richard Parker.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Graves Registration Officer William Naughton.

Graves Registration Officer William Naughton: Here.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: ROTC Award Officer Albert Smith.

ROTC Award Officer Albert Smith: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer. Daniel Murray: GAR Highway Officer George Maple.

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Department Organizer Edward Norris.

Department Organizer Edward Norris: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Department Signals Officer Jack Manning.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Newsletter Editor Reynaldo Rodriguez.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Absent.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Sir, the roll is called.

Unknown: Commander, we have nineteen members of the Department present to vote.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Voting members?

Unknown: Yes.

Commander Dexter Bishop: The roll has been called and we will have the reports of officers. Senior Vice Commander?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: The Senior Vice Commander is absent and he did not send a report. He has been sick and I don't think he has done much all year.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Junior Vice Commander?

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Through National I have given out either four or five applications for the State of Massachusetts. In fact, last night I just handed one out to Camp 104. As Junior Vice Commander for the past two years I have enjoyed my role and hope my replacement enjoys it as much as I have. Thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: May I have the report from the Council?

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Council. The Department Council has examined the financial statements of the Department and find the reports are in proper order. The Department Commander had requested that we look at a proposal from Merrill Lynch. We spoke with them on two occasions and they believe we have too much invested in real estate stock and we should reinvest the proceeds from the sale of that stock in consumer staples. Merrill Lynch wanted to manage a quarter million dollars at the cost of 1% per year and move the entire portfolio under their control. The proposal did not show us generating any more annually than we do today, thus it is possible we would have a $2500 loss which is 1% of the managed money, which is less than income due to the management fee. The Department Council decided that the total wasn't worth further action. The proposal is available for review and will be turned over to the Department Treasurer, whoever that may be at the end of this Department Encampment. Consulting with the Department Treasurer we believe we can sell our three CDs that earn basically nothing, they are earning about 1%, and purchase the consumer staples stock with that. A motion will be made to do so during New Business, and the Department Council did not need to review or approve any expenses which would put us over budget on any item or fill any Department Officer vacancies. Submitted today April 22, 2017 by myself, Kevin Tucker and George Maple.

Commander Dexter Bishop: The Secretaries report.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Commander Bishop, all of the Department reports required by National since last Encampment have been submitted. Since the last Encampment, one Camp has been suspended for failure to submit the Annual Report. The Camp was reorganized in Framingham, and it has since been reinstated. When I wrote this yesterday we had one Camp that had not submitted the Form 22 but I received it just before I left. Because I did not have all of the Camp rosters submitted with the Form 22 I have had to estimate the strength of the Department. The strength of the Department is estimated at 171 Brothers. I don't expect the figures to go up or down too much based on last year. We need to work harder at getting the Form 22 in on time. It is due to Department by February 15th. As of this date I have received three Annual Reports from the Camps. The Annual Reports are due to the Department by April 30th. The Department needs to get them in on time. If a Department is late five years in a row they lose representation that year at the National Encampment.

Commander Bishop this is the Treasurer's report. As of March 31, 2017 there is $7868.51 in the checking account and $2864.92 in the savings account. The savings account is the money we are putting aside for the National Encampment. The current value of the trust and CDs is $212,158.89 and the current value of the Wells Fargo fund $706,490.30 which is approximately

a 12% increase over last year. The projected annual income from that account is $25,492. The total assets for the Department as of March 31st are $929,382.66 which is an increase of $81,118.98 since last year. Respectfully submitted, Daniel Murray.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Patriotic Instructor?

Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London: Patriotic Instructor Ken London. I have gotten Patriotic Instructor reports from Camp 104 and Camp 50. There are a number of other Camps that have to get their reports in before the Form 41 can be submitted to National. So, if you do not want to hear me bugging you for them, please send them in.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Chaplain's report?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Peter Preble, Department Chaplain. This past year I have attempted on several occasions to communicate, it seems to be a common theme the communication with the Camps, to get information from Camp Commanders and Chaplains on deceased Brothers. It is the Department Chaplain's responsibility to communicate with National about deceased Brothers. I communicated several times and so I guess I can report that we didn't lose anybody this year because I didn't get any names from the Camps on anyone who has passed this last year. I guess that is a good thing, unless they are secretly dying and we don't know about it. So, if you would please, along with your other reports, please communicate that information as well. I did communicate on behalf of the Department when there is a death of a National officer that comes out. I usually send a sympathy card on behalf of the Department. I was invited by the National Chaplain to participate in several events at Gettysburg last year and was able to read the invocation at the SVR breakfast. If you have never been to Remembrance Day you should go; it's great. There is a bus trip and all sorts of festivities. There is a wonderful adult beverage place near the hotel where everybody stays. I can verify that is a wonderful experience. I did get out and visit several Camps and participate in a few ceremonies and monument rededications. I also assisted in identifying several graves of Civil War veterans. They had been lost to time and neglect. I also had the honor of representing the Department Commander at the installation of Officers at Camp 50 in Rockland as well as representing him at the Department Encampment of Rhode Island a couple of weeks ago. If you want to have a good time go to the Rhode Island Encampment; they really have a wonderful time. The place they have their Encampment is a Museum in Coventry Rhode Island, so it is not too far from here. It has been an honor this last year and the years previous to be your Department Chaplain and I look forward to continued service. Thank you

I also have the dual responsibility of being the Department Historian. Last year I was given access to the Department Records at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Rockland which was really a mess. I'll try to describe how it was, it was well over 100 years of records stored there in various states of neglect. We are very fortunate to have the space that we have. It is a rather large space in the Hall there. There are only two people that have access to that room which are myself and the person who takes care of the Hall. The stuff that is stored there is secure and because I have access to the Hall and the room I can go when I have time to get in there. At present the collection contains the early founding of the Department and Charter

applications that go all the way back to the beginning of time, well not the beginning of time but the beginning of our time anyways. There is also a rather extensive collection of books, Department records, of Encampments as well as National Encampment records and I believe there is every issue of the GAR Encampment books for National included in the archives at the present moment. There is several boxes of records that I believe to be Department Encampment records that I still haven't had a chance to go through them, other than to stack them up in the corner so I could get into the room. Everything in there is in a great need of preservation. There is also a section of archive records that are Auxiliary, but as was reported to me from Rockland at the Hall, at one point in time someone from the Auxiliary came and took a whole bunch of stuff, put it in trash bags and threw it away. He went and took it all out of the dumpster and has it somewhere in the Hall. That is another project that needs to be dealt with. One of the items is there for both the Department and the Auxiliary are these 3 x 5 cards on everybody that has ever been a member of the Sons dating back to the beginning. So this is just a little walk through history. The room has now been organized so you can actually get in there and move around.

Now we can turn our attention to the preservation of this, most of which is paper. These things will not last forever if they are not taken care of. There are original Charter applications, we have Charters from Camps that have folded in the past, we have quite a collection of those. I have been in contact with the curators at the Massachusetts Military Museum in Concord and I have offered their assistance to give us technical advice on how to preserve all of these things. Like I said, most of this stuff is paper but we do have several swords from the GAR, we have a couple of hats and we have some flags that at some point in time will need some attention. But the paper stuff at this point is the most important. There is a process here in Massachusetts called Digital Commonwealth that is the Commonwealth Museum and the Boston Public Library and they are digitizing the history of Massachusetts and I have been in contact with them. They will digitize up to 75,000 pages a year of photographs or text. We have been in contact with them to get on the list to have some of our stuff that is in the archives now digitized so that it will be available. It is all free but we just have to make it available online for people to search. They take possession of the stuff, they scan it in, give us back a hard drive with all the scanned information on it. We hope to be part of that as we move forward. Over the next year the plan is to clean and store all the Charter and Charter applications we presently have on hand along with digitizing a portion of this collection and catalog the books and other stuff we have on the shelf which will take the better part of this coming year to make it happen; that is if I am reappointed as Historian. Usually the guy that makes the plan is one who has to take care of it. I might be setting myself up for another job here.

One of the most interesting discoveries this past week was at some point in time in our history someone had done a study of cemeteries in the Commonwealth has a listing of all of the Civil War graves in Massachusetts. It is all printed out on nice fine typing paper that most of us still remember using. My plan over the summer is to scan all that information so it would be available to people from Auxiliaries that want to verify the information and to make sure that it is all listed in the Graves Registration database at National. I will, during business, be making a motion for some funding for some things that we need to acquire to make all this happen. I think one of the more exciting things that I was involved in this year I was able to retrieve the original

Charter for Willie Grout Camp that was in the possession of the Worcester Historical Museum for a long time, since the GAR Hall in Worcester closed. There were a lot of people involved in making this happen, I know Perley was involved early on in discussions with the Worcester Historical Museum. We were actually able to retrieve it from the Historical Museum. It was in pretty good shape, it needed a little bit of work, but it was quite an honor to have this document which was over 100 years old. I actually had it at my house for a couple of months and I was kind of nervous that it was there. I wanted to get it back to the Camp as soon as possible. I was able to attend a Camp meeting and present it back. There are pictures on the Department Facebook page if you didn't see it. It was kind of a cool night in that we were able to bring it back and replace the photo of the charter they had been operating with all these years. If the Camps have stuff you would like to store that is hanging around your house, your spouse is getting mad that you are storing stuff there, you could give me a call and we do have some room and we would be happy to store it for you and make it available to you in the future as well. There are a few other items in my written report and if you so desire that you can read it another time. Thank you

Commander Dexter Bishop: Counselor?

Counselor Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Department Counselor. I was asked no opinions and I gave none.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Graves Registration Officer?

Graves Registration Officer William Naughton: Graves Registration Officer Bill Naughton. I talked to the Camps this morning, the Camps that are working on grave registration, and I have grave markers in my truck. Along the lines of storing things, I know my wife would be very happy if we could take a number of those out of my truck and not put them back in my cellar. I have orders for about three dozen from different Camps but if anyone else needs one feel free to get them at lunchtime. The biggest project this year was a fact that the National Encampment is coming to Massachusetts in a few years and the last time it was here there was a tour of Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. I took a look at their database and the people they have listed as Civil War veterans. I matched up against the National database and then added to our National database those soldiers in Mt. Auburn who weren't listed on our database. I added about 600 to the National database just from Mt. Auburn. They won't let us put markers out in that Cemetery because of maintenance. So there are plenty of markers. Thank you

Commander Dexter Bishop: Eagle Scout Award Officer Tim Callahan?

Unknown: He is not present.

Commander Dexter Bishop: ROTC Officer?

Department ROTC officer Albert Smith: Al Smith, ROTC Officer. I am the process of making arrangements for an award ceremony for North Quincy High School. There have been (unintelligible) kids looking forward to it. I will make an attempt to reach Jack Manning to make the presentation for us. It is going to be a good year.

Commander Dexter Bishop: GAR Highway Officer?

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: I drove the length of the GAR Highway back in February. None of the signs have been changed since I last did it the year before. There are fifteen on Route 6 E. and sixteen on Route 6 W. There are probably 6 towns that do not have any signage whatsoever. There are several signs that are very difficult to spot. Some of them are behind poles, some are behind foliage at the side of the road and are sometimes it has signs in both directions on the same side, so you have to be looking for the far left hand side of the road to see those signs. I mentioned this last year but there are two signs on the highway for different groups. Fairhaven has it marked as Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial Highway and Barnstable has it as the Korean War Veterans Highway. I don't see ourselves trying to get a black eye trying to change that. In the next year I hope to have a Facebook page so the GAR Highway Officer has a Facebook presence as well. We don't have many events going on. It would be nice if we could try to figure out an event along the highway. We don't have any Camps along that Highway.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Department Organizer?

Department Organizer Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Camp 25. I was asked to assist in the reorganizing of Camp 61 that was under suspension. We moved to Framingham; it is up and running right now. I am also working with Richard Haste who is out in West Springfield. He wants to start the Florence Burke/William Haste Camp 37. So far he has recruited nine full members and three Associates. He is going to send me the paperwork to review it on Monday. Peter Preble is starting up Camp 54 that is going to meet at this Statehouse in room 27. So Peter has started a Facebook page to try and recruit members for that. We are moving forward on that as well. That is the end of my report

Commander Dexter Bishop: that is the end of the Officer reports. Let's do the camps, Camp 5. I guess I'll do Camp 5. At Camp 5 this past year we have been working on several projects. They include working with the city's Veterans Agent. There are 10,000 graves in Pine Grove Cemetery which is the principle cemetery in Lynn that needs to be cleaned. I have, we have been working with him to find a way to get as much of the liquid D2 as possible and do one-thousand graves a year for the next ten years. It is quite a project and hopefully we will be able to get it up and running and find the funds for that.

We have also been carrying on our work at the high schools. This year again we will be into two, possibly three, elementary schools of how the drum talks to the troops. One of our Brothers will be there with his drum and we march them around inside the school auditorium or gymnasium somewhere. If they listen to the drum, the drum will tell them which way to go and how to do it. We also teach how to do flag etiquette which has been received very nicely. At the high school level we have classroom presentations to the schools students. Most of them are honors students who have a tremendous interest in history and we will be doing that on those days. We will also be hosting on Friday night June 2nd a surf and turf dinner for $25 at the Masonic Hall in Lynn and we will have a grand evening there. This is a fundraiser to help us raise the funds for the bounty that we pay on the History Bee that we also run. The Lynn school

that wins gets a $500 bounty for their History Department to spend anyway they want on history issues. Lynn English High School has been the recipient of that award for the last three years. We'll see who the winner is this year. Every year Lynn Classical comes in to try to take it and this last year they lost by a hair. They are getting better, so maybe this year they will get it. Also on Saturday night we are having a bean supper that is $10, I think. That is a dinner that is well attended by everybody. The school comes there, and their parents usually, and the Mayor comes and makes the presentation to the school and the person who gets the check. It is a big evening, Kevin is the chef of the evening; he does a great job cooking the beans and frankfurts which is a traditional Saturday night bean supper that they had at the GAR Post 5 during the time that the Post was in operation back in the 1800's and up until 1918. They always had a bean supper. By the way the beans are fantastic; it is the Durgin Park recipe and if you like beans and hotdogs it is a great time and I encourage you all to come and bring friends. It is really a good evening. We'll be supporting the efforts down at Charlestown for the Memorial services that will be done. Be sure to get involved in that. Also, if you will turn around and look there is a picture there, and would you like to tell us a little bit about it?

Brother Roderick Fraser: We are raffling off this photograph of General Grant. It is a photo on canvas and this is to support our ongoing projects that we have at Camp 5. I will be selling the raffle tickets in order to raise $500. The tickets are $5 a piece or 5 for $20 and when we get to $500 we will award the picture. Please, if you are interested we would appreciate your support and you can see me anytime today. Thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Camp 15?

Brother Edward Knight: Ed Knight, Camp Commander. I will just chronologically give you a breakdown of our activities for the past year. In May of last year I attended two ROTC presentations; one to Holyoke at Dean Vocational School and one to Springfield's Central High School. In our area, because of the close proximity of Westover Air Force Base, both of these schools are very much orientated to the Air Force. On Memorial Day our Camp performed services at two or three different cemeteries in and around the Springfield area and Wilbraham. At one of them we also wound up doing the service for one of our departed members of the Camp. In July or August, I forget which, the Camp along with Boy Scouts Troop 57 in Belchertown, we attended the service for the Private from Maine, Jewett Williams, as he passed through on his way home from Oregon. We attended and participated in that service and then in September other members of my family attended the internment for Jewett Williams up in Hodgdon, Maine. Just coincidentally the Private is buried in the plot directly next to my great grandparents, so there is a bit of a family connection there. In November, Department Commander Dexter Bishop came out and visited our Camp and although we did not need an installation he was there for that in case it was needed. Through the year the Camp and myself have been working very closely with the Boy Scouts. We have presented flag etiquette training with the Boy Scouts and worked very closely with them regarding their Color Guards. Troop 57 now has a very well-trained Color Guard that is doing very well. This year the Troop has been working very hard; they are pushing multiple Eagle Scouts that have been finishing up projects this spring and in the next two to three months I would expect three or four Courts of Honor for

Eagle Scouts. Our own member over there in the back corner, my son Ian Knight, is himself a Life Scout and is beginning his road to Eagle Scout. I would hope by the National Encampment next year that we will have a newly minted Eagle Scout in our own ranks. Just recently, in the last couple of weeks in my own American Legion Post 239 in reviewing their early post history the first fifteen to twenty years I am going to obtain a copy of it to transcribe for us. There is an awful lot of history of both the Belchertown GAR Griggs Post 97 as well as the Belchertown Sons. There is an awful lot of our history contained within that American Legion post history. I am going to obtain that for our own records; there is a lot of names and a lot of events that they assisted with. On the Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend that is coming up we will be doing services in Saint Michael Cemetery in Springfield at the GAR plot and that particular plot has a thirteen pound siege mortar, one of three that is still known to exist and one of the same type as the Dictator. That is the report for Camp 15.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. We will have a twenty-minute recess.

(10:00 AM recess. Called back to Order at 10:24 AM)

Commander Dexter Bishop: We will continue on with our Camp reports, Camp 22.

Guide Charles Lewis: Good morning everyone. Charles Lewis, Commander of Camp 22, Chelsea Soldiers Home. For the past two years I have experienced a little sense of frustration, but the frustrations were relieved when I acquired three new Associate members at the Soldiers Home. In 2015, on June 25, we had a rededication of the John B. Adams Building at the Soldiers Home. Captain John B. Adams was a Medal of Honor winner in the Civil War. He participated in the Battle of Fredericksburg and one of the battles in the Wilderness. At the dedication there was a Commandant at the Chelsea Soldiers Home and many members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War greatly participated as well as the Commandant, Cheryl Poppe. My frustration was I count the many guys in the fact that the Chelsea Soldiers Home began operating in 1882 which is about 135 years ago. With the exception of the three new members with the help of Commander Dexter Bishop and my Commandant at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, Cheryl Poppe, we were granted a space to have a Civil War Roundtable. That kind of boosted my spirits because every month on a Tuesday night we can have a Roundtable that could reach so many guys. We have veterans from World War II, Korea up to the present war in Afghanistan and Iraq. I'm amazed at the knowledge of the Civil War that defined us in the 19th century. So my goal is to enhance and increase our membership. Right now I have two potential members with one being a participant in our evening meal today. Let's have a goal, because I know sometimes we have parades at Gettysburg or the city of Lynn, I don't see that our membership is dwindling. I love parades, I did it in the Regular Army and I still like to do it today. I like marching but I want some new membership beginning with the Civil War Roundtable and hopefully our membership will increase. With Commander Bishop working and Rick, another of our Camp members, we are going to try to enhance those members. Next year, God willing, I hope to have at least nine more new members. Thank you very much

Commander Dexter Bishop: Camp 25.

Brother John Dupre: Good morning. John Dupre, Treasurer for Camp 25. Our membership we gained six and we lost nine which brings our total active brothers to thirty-one, which is a loss of three from 2016. Two of our losses are actually transfers to Camp 61, Chip and Peter. As usual our Brothers participated in the Worcester Water Ceremony honoring Civil War dead lost at sea or on the water. We also participated in flagging in the Hope Cemetery Worcester. On Memorial Day we participated in the cities observances at Worcester including a Color Guard and the reading of General Logan's Order Number 11. We also conducted individual ceremonies at the graves of Sergeant Major Pinkham and Sergeant Thomas Plunkett, Medal of Honor winners, at Hope Cemetery. Also at the grave of our namesake William Grout and General George H. Ward at Rural Cemetery. Several Brothers had a prominent role in the rededication of the Worcester City Civil War Memorial last summer. We also purchased a parade banner through the National Quartermaster and as Peter related we recovered our original 1894 Charter after many years of storage in the Worcester Historical Society. I'd like to thank Peter for all of his efforts in making that come to pass. We had several Brothers who participated in the National Encampment in Springfield as well as the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Pennsylvania. We also had several Brothers participate in the return of Jewett Williams remains to Maine as he passed through Massachusetts. Last but not least, Past Commander in Chief Perley Mellor, also of Camp 25 donated three Civil War themed prints to the Veterans Inc., our host for our meeting. They were very excited and very honored to receive those. That concludes my report.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Camp 50.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: There is no one here from Camp 50.

Chaplain Peter Preble: I am a dual member so I could speak. Peter Preble speaking for Camp 50. The major thrust of the Camp is the restoration and maintenance of the GAR Hall in Rockland. The Camp, there is an association that actually owns the building, received a grant from the town of Rockland to do the exterior work. The roof has been replaced, the building has been painted and all of the windows have been replaced in the building as well as the front porch being restored. The building is sort of buttoned up now if you haven't been there. The inside now needs a little bit of attention but the main thrust is on the restoration and maintenance of the building. We were also able to restart the SVR unit there and we have nine members, so it is off and running. Thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Camp 61.

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: First and foremost, I want to apologize for all of this coughing but I didn't want to miss the meeting. It wasn't too bad last night but it really got bad.

Unknown: Who are you?

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: I am Stuart Chambers and am better known as Chip, Camp 61. The Camp with the help of Dexter and Ed Norris was reorganized from meeting in Woburn to meeting in Framingham. We are meeting at the Memorial Library which is now owned by the Framingham Historical Commission and they were kind enough to let us have our

monthly meetings for free. I am very happy with Jennifer over there to be able to set that up for me. Our member right over here, Don Hayes, this past month he has given two talks regarding the Civil War to classes of Juniors at Westford High School. The Camp itself last year had nine members but between transfers some of the original members of Camp 61, new members in the local area around Framingham we now have eleven members for this year. There has been a number of issues that over the past few months I have had to clarify and get straightened out. Again, with the help of Dexter and Ed Norris I was able to resolve a number of them. I am also with a group called the Shades of Gray Civil War band and two members of Camp 61, myself and Larry Todd we participated in an event down at Sturbridge and played down there. Tomorrow the Framingham Historical Commission has a new permanent Civil War display at the Memorial Library. It is on Edgell Road with the Civil War monument right in front of it. They are having an event tomorrow with members of the Camp in uniform and also the Shades of Gray will play at that event. Last year we played at the Springfield Armory and within three weeks because they had such a nice turnout we have been asked to come and play again this coming Memorial Day. If anybody out in the Springfield area would like to come and see and listen to some Civil War music we would be happy to have your attendance out there. I am also a researcher for the 51st Massachusetts Regiment and with participation from our Graves Registration Officer in the back corner over there we have another member of the 51st on the National Gravesite. He is buried in the Lakeview Cemetery in Wakefield. That is pretty much what we have been doing. We are possibly going to be involved in the Fourth of July parade in Natick where one of our members, he is the reference librarian in Natick, he has spoken to the parade organizer so we're going to try to get involved in that event this Fourth of July. That is it for me.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Camp 104.

Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London: Ken London, Camp 104. We've got two new members and rumor has it that we are going to be getting a third one very soon. In February we participated in the Lincoln brunch; in April we had a ceremony for Frank Tucker, actually that is in March and in April we participated in Charlestown and in May we participated at Bourne and also a ceremony for Charles Bond. In June we participated in the Lynn program, in September we have a Wakefield Encampment; we also do graves registration, Eagle Scouts and we also have ties available.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Camp 132. No one is here. How about Camp 3188. Okay, that covers the Camps. We will do communications.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray. The communications for the Department is one from Thomas J. Cullinane who is the Department Commander in New Hampshire and he said "please convey my compliments to the Department Commander but I will be unable to join you this Saturday. I hope that if circumstances continue I'll be able to visit with my Baystate Brothers in 2018. Thank you for extending me this courtesy. Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, TJ Cullinane, Commander, Department of New Hampshire". The other communication I have is from David Demmy and it comes out twice a year and I don't think it has changed in the last year or so but it says "all Department Secretaries, please share this data

with all of your Camp Secretaries to be shared with Camp Council and any Camp personnel reviewing membership applications for entry into local Camps. Anyone listed on this report has been dishonorably discharged from the SUVCW and therefore is not entitled to future membership in any Camp in any Department." There are two; one from the Department of California and Pacific, the Henry C. Veech Camp 30 and his name is William Henry White. The other one is from the Department of New York in the Oliver Tilden Camp 26 the name is Michael E Ferrell. So, if any of those two Brothers apply for membership in the Department of Massachusetts they will have to be turned down. There are no other communications.

Commander Dexter Bishop: I would like to do the budget.

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Council. I have the proposed budget before me and the proposed budget is at $28,875. As our Department Treasurer mentioned earlier the anticipated income for next year is $25,292. So, this projected budget is $3383 over our projected income for the year. We will go line by line. The first one is the Department National Encampment expense. As you know, we have our National Encampment coming up in 2018 out in Framingham and we do need money for that. As Dan mentioned, that money goes into our savings account. The proposed budget is $3000 and it was last year as well.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I make a motion that we increase that to $4000. We have some money in the checking account that we could transfer in and that would round us out at $10,000 for the Encampment coming up, which I think we will need.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We have a motion, it has been seconded to increase this line item from $3000 to $4000.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: We have about $8000 in the checkbook. Every budget I've seen in the last eight years, we've gone about $4000 over our projected income. We never spend what we budget; I don't see any problem with this. We're going to need about $10,000 anyways so if we have it this year we might as well set the extra aside.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any other discussion? Hearing no other discussion all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed. Abstained. The ayes carry it.

Council Edward Norris: The next line item is Department Sponsored Events and that is $1000 and I don't think it was on the budget last year. This is a new line item.

Secretary-treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Department Treasurer. The line item was Sesquicentennial Events. There are some other things we would like to do; we usually participate in Charlestown every year and we pay for the coalition and last year we worked with Project New Hope to put a dinner on and we raised $3000. It is for disabled veterans and their families to go on retreats and to help deal with the problems they have. I would like to see the Department continue that. That is what this line item is for.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have a motion?

Unknown: Motion to accept.

Unknown: Second

Commander Dexter Bishop: Motion made and seconded. Do you have any other discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Abstained? So carried.

Council Edward Norris: The next line item is the Benjamin Butler Ceremony. This is something we took over from the friends of General Benjamin Butler a couple of years ago and we had money donated. It is $100 and that typically goes towards a new flag.

Unknown: I will make a motion to accept.

Unknown: I will second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion has been made and seconded; is there any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? So carried.

Council Edward Norris: The next one, Department Colors, Maintenance and Equipment, $300. I believe this is in case we need work done to our flags; if we need some new finials and such. We also have potentially two Camps to purchase station banners for them as well.

Unknown: I will make a motion to accept.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion has been made and seconded; do we have any discussion?

Unknown: Do all of the Camps have station banners now?

Commander Dexter Bishop: I believe so.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: The Department bought them for every Camp but I'm not sure if they still have them.

Unknown: Camp 15 does not have any station banners.

Brother Edward Knight: 15 does not have any station banners and when someone purchased a few years back we did not receive them.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Okay, then we will have to get those to you.

Council Edward Norris: I wonder who would have those.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I do not have them and have not seen them.

Council Edward Norris: I know we bought them for everybody.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I don't know where they went.

Council Edward Norris: I don't remember who was in charge of them.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We will get Camp 15's banners. Yes.

Unknown: Commander if you have to buy additional banners for Camp 15 will $300 cover that also.

Council Edward Norris: No.

Council Kevin Tucker: In that case, I would amend the line item to $500.

Unknown: I will second that.

Commander Dexter Bishop: It has been seconded and in replacement of the other motion we will have a $500 line item for flag maintenance. Any further discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Abstained? So carried.

Council Edward Norris: Next line item. It is the Depot rent expenses. That is money that is contributed to the Rockland GAR Hall. They house all our paperwork and items and we have been giving them $1000 for years now.

Unknown: Motion to accept.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion was made and seconded; is there any discussion? Yes.

PCinC Perley Mellor: Just a comment. Years ago that was the Department Secretary's office, the Depot there. But as he said, they have collected for a long time, but it was Department Secretary's office.

Commander Dexter Bishop: But now it's to keep the heat on. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Unanimous; the motion carries.

Council Edward Norris: The next one, Department Encampment expenses, $2000. That pays for things like this.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, go ahead.

Unknown: I make a motion that it be accepted.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Motion made and seconded; any further discussion? Go ahead.

Council Kevin Tucker: I just wanted to mention that a lot of you are not familiar with the process for establishing a Department Encampment, what goes into that. What we have found is the people come to the Encampment and don't go to the dinner or don't stay at the hotel. This is just kind of informational. This is our organization as long as we keep it going. If we do the minimum it is going to lose its uumph and atrophy will take it over. Just to let you know for this room we had to pay $300; it's a first time in a while we've had to do that. The way that hotels do it is they have a minimum banquet allowance, breakfast, lunches, dinners, whatever. If you reach a certain amount of money the room is free. We obviously didn't, so we have to pay for it so it is

costing us extra. I know some people will go to McDonald's for lunch, rather just drive home instead of going to the banquet but keep in mind that those banquet tickets, participating in that banquet, helps the Department, It is not just a matter of well, who cares if somebody goes. It helps our Department, it helps our treasury and I just want to make that clear. As far as the rooms go, we're a tiny state so people can drive here. So normally, for instance at the National Encampment, the number of rooms dictates the number of free rooms that the Commander gets. We don't have that here so it is not an issue. The banquet, I would encourage everybody to participate in whenever you can. It may be too late now but I'm saying for future reference trying to organize a Department Encampment isn't as easy as it seems. It's not like we just call the hotel and say we want this room on whatever day. There is a lot that goes into it. In the future, instead of McDonald's just think there's only $20 or whatever, $18 for lunch. If you go across the street to Chilis you're going to spend that. Thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We have a motion and a second, is there any discussion?

Unknown: So moved.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The motion carries.

Council Edward Norris: The next one, Department Miscellaneous Expense fund. It is $1000 and I believe it is the same as last year.

Unknown: Moved to accept.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Hearing none, motion carries.

Council Edward Norris: Next one, Department Officers meeting expense, $1000. That is the same as last year.

Council Kevin Tucker: Motion to accept.

Commander Dexter Bishop: There has been a motion made to accept. Is there a second?

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any discussion? No questions or anything? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Abstained? The motion carries

Council Edward Norris: All right, the next one, Department Officers Bonds. We are required by our bylaws to have the officers bonded. We have a budget of $250. I would like to make a motion that we raise it to $300; I have been informed that the cost is going up on the bond.

Unknown: Second

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion is made and seconded; any discussion?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Maybe I should discuss it. Daniel Murray, Department Treasurer. I got the bond bill this year and I believe either $255 or $268. It had gone up; for years it was under $250 and this is the first increase we've had in eight years.

Council Edward Norris: Yes, it used to be $235.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Then it went to $247. It has been there ever since. This year, I think it went up to $255.

Council Edward Norris: When I opened the policy it was $235.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any further discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? So carried.

Council Edward Norris: For the next one these are sub line items and we will take them one at a time. The Department Officer Travel expense, Department Commander $1100.

Unknown: Motion to accept.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any discussion? Any thoughts? Yes

Brother Donald Hayes: Question. Donald Hayes, Camp 61. Is it true that that is not enough really, that you pay out of your own pocket? I just raise that for people's information because generally I find that this is true.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Generally that is usually the case.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: The Department Commander will usually spend more than that.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any other discussion? Yes.

Unknown: If the Department Commander will spend more than that, should we boost the number up a bit.

Unknown: Who are you?

Brother William Naughton: I am Bill Naughton, Camp 104.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I don't have a problem with it.

Council Edward Norris: He did not get a second so……

Council Kevin Tucker: Second.

Council Edward Norris: Well now he did. We have to have a dollar amount.

Council Kevin Tucker: You said $500 right?

Council Edward Norris: I thought he just said it and sat down.

Brother William Naughton: It was a point of information I guess before my question.

Council Edward Norris: Go ahead.

Council Kevin Tucker: I make a motion that we change it to $1500.

Unknown: I second it.

Commander Dexter Bishop: $1500 and seconded; okay. We have a motion before us for $1500 and seconded. Any further discussion? Thank you. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Hearing none that makes it unanimous; the motion carries.

Council Edward Norris: Next, the Senior Vice Commander $500. These are all travel expenses.

Unknown: So moved.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: It has been moved and seconded, any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The motion carries.

Council Edward Norris: Junior Vice $500.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I would just like to make a motion instead of doing it this way if there is no objection why don't we just gavel it through.

Council Edward Norris: I'll second that.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any discussion? Or objection? Motion passed.

Council Edward Norris: Again Junior Vice $500.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Secretary $250.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Treasurer $250.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Chaplin $250.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Objection, go for it.

Council Kevin Tucker: Question through the Commander for the Chaplain. How much have you spent in the last two years on travel.

Chaplain Peter Preble: This past year was the only year I spent anything and it was $150 so I guess we could reduce it to that.

Council Kevin Tucker: That was my question.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are we saying that we want to leave it at that?

Council Kevin Tucker: I made no motion.

Commander Dexter Bishop: No motion, okay. It is at $250. Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Next one Department Secretary office expense $500.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Department Treasurer office expense, the first one Annual CPA expense $2050.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Office supplies $350.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Tax form prep $500. I would just like to make a comment on this. So as of February 8th of this year the National organization became 501©(3) so we are a nonprofit charitable. The National Treasurer sent a message and asks that anybody that has not filed taxes as of yet not do so. Unless something happens we may not have to incur this money but I think we should keep it in there. Just in case.

Unknown: Taxes or what.

Council Edward Norris: Taxes. We have already covered CPA expense, so this is tax prep. We may not need it according to our National Treasurer but for the moment we are all on hold for filing. That may change but I would like to keep it in there.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Yes.

Unknown: This tax prep, is it for Federal or State.

Council Edward Norris: Federal, we might have some State.

Brother Edward Knight: Even under the Federal 501©(3) we might have some State.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: The CPA takes care of that; that's what we pay him for.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Next item, Department Website hosting expense for $175.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Counsel Edward Norris: Next one is the flag holders for graves $1500. Isn't that an increase of $500.

Commander Dexter Bishop: No. Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: The next are all under Good of the Order expenses. Chelsea Soldiers Home $2500.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Yes, you are objecting.

Guide Charles Lewis: Yes a couple of months ago the refreshments that you bring every month sometimes you don't have to do that. If you send an email to the kitchen they will provide the refreshments. They do it every Sunday for the religious services.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Okay I will see what I can do. Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Eagle Scout awards $300.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Next one is NERA hosting for $200.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any objection on that?

Unknown: What hosting?

Council Edward Norris: The New England Regional Association. It is the New England states we get together, well we are supposed to get together three times a year. I will bring that up in the Good of the Order.

Council George Maple: NERA is still alive?

Council Edward Norris: I will bring it up in the Good of the Order.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, so the NERA may not be functioning after, we haven't posted it in a long time. It may not be functioning. I would make a motion that we remove that line item. I don't think we will be hosting that.

Council Edward Norris: I'll second that.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Other Good of the Order expense $200.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Go ahead.

Council Kevin Tucker: I'll make a motion that we increase that to $500. What I would like to do is purchase the accoutrements for the Empty Chair ceremony on behalf of the Department to make sure that the always have fresh flowers and in an authentic pack, a set of leathers and those kinds of things.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion is made and seconded. Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Next is recruitment for $500.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Just a question how much do we spend last year on this line item.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Off the top of my head I would say less than $100 but I can look it up. It could change very quickly it depends on how active the Junior Place Commander. Where he goes and what he does.

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: For the good of the order I didn't bother with any mileage or any postage this year.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes sir.

Brother Rod Frazier: Rod Frazier Camp 5. What is this money spent on?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Recruitment.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Department.

Brother Rod Frazier: How do we spend the money for recruitment?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do you want to tell them what you do?

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: I go to different events, setup displays, have applications and forms there and talk about the Sons of Union Veterans. So the expense would be for mileage, if National sends me a new application I forward it through postage to the Camp that is closest to him an email the member which camp is going to give a suggestion they say which Camp they would like to be participating in. So it was minimal this year and I didn't even bother with giving him the mileage or the postage.

Council Kevin Tucker: I just have a question, the new flyers that we have do we have to purchase those?

Council Edward Norris: Indirectly, the flyers are free but you have to pay the postage. So it is a minimal cost.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes go ahead.

Commander in Chief Donald Martin: Also if you have a member who is on the Council of Administration or at National, you can let the Quartermaster know and you can pick them up for free.

Unknown: It will give Ed something else to do.

Council Edward Norris: Thanks. In the past we've also purchased those little wooden nickels that have information about the Sons website on it.

Unknown: Just a question.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Peter Preble, would it be advisable… the website seems to be one of the major recruiting tools would it be advisable to roll that into recruitment instead of having it as its own line item. Does that make sense?

Council Kevin Tucker: I would say that the website itself is informational for things such as Department Orders.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Next is Research, Genealogy $200 to pay a fee for Ancestry.com. You cannot have it as a group account, but there are a few of us who have access to look up research on potential members.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: It is supposed to be the Junior Vice.

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Regarding that, I haven't had to use it because most of the new members know their ancestor and have the proper forms.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: ROTC awards $200. I want to make a motion that we drop this ROTC awards now that there is no cost associated with them.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion is made and seconded. Any objection? Passed

Unknown: You are bound to get that down, aren't you.

Council Edward Norris: Yes, but I will not get it down as much as I want to. Next is Stone Cleaning and Placement for $250. Dexter mentioned earlier about purchasing some D2; 5 gallons is at $108 and it will basically clean 200 stones.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: We spent $250.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We spent $250 for 5 gallons.

Council Edward Norris: I thought you said it was $108.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We thought that too. What we are trying to do there is to get as much donated as we can. I have to work on that. So what is it now?

Council Edward Norris: $250.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do you want to make it $500?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: How much more do you want to buy?

Commander Dexter Bishop: I don't know but I would like to see all the Camps get involved in this.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: To give a gallon to each Camp you're going to need about $500.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, that's what I'm saying. Could I get a motion that we increase that to $500?

Council Kevin Tucker: So made.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion has been made and seconded. Any objection? Passed

Junior Vice Commanders Stuart Chambers: How are you doing, Ed?

Council Edward Norris: I'm fine. So that covers the Good of the Order. Lincoln Brunch expenses $500.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: National Delegate Encampment travel $2700.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any objection? Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I just want to mention that we are still traveling this year to Lansing and next year we might want to look at this.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any idea what the cut is of the $2700?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: It depends on how many people go. If five people go you get $500, 500 some odd dollars. If 10 people go you get $270.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Okay, this is informational.

Council Edward Norris: It helps cover plane fare and hotel.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: It depends on the number of delegates who go and claim it.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Next is our Remembrance Day trip, $3000.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. This is another instance where trying to keep things going we need some participation. This past year I think we had a $700 deficit, they had to pay for the room of the driver. The Department subsidizes the trip, which is $300 for four days including the bus trip, a lunch, a hotel room and a tour. It is very reasonable. I understand everybody can't go every year but if you haven't gone in a while we change up the tour every year. Aside from it being an amazing Sons event, if you haven't seen it thousands of reenactors North and South in period uniform marching up the street. Horses, cannon, ladies in gowns, and it really is amazing. There's a great ceremony that happens at the

Woolson Memorial, the last living soldier from the Civil War. Sometimes it corresponds with, it happened last year and this coming year, with their ceremonies. They have celebrity speakers and some ceremonies at the National Cemetery. There is an illumination and we flagged all of the New England graves and for Massachusetts we put state flags on all our graves. It is a great experience and I hope everybody takes advantage. To keep it going we need to have people come. I understand that, I'm not sure what people are doing in November but it is a great trip if you have a chance to participate please do.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Department Treasurer. The trip also, I am the one that organizes the trip, most people don't realize when people look at the cost, once we take out the subsidy that the Department gives us it is almost all in the hotel room. We pay less than $100 for the bus trip down and back, the side trip and the meal. Most of the cost involved with what you are paying is for that room. They have increased the price of the rooms again this year and I think it is about $235 for double, 245 something like that so that is where most of the cost is. Most people I don't think realize that but we are not making any money off of this trip. It will be November 16, 17th, 18th and 19th this year. It leaves from two places: Newton and Sturbridge. It is a good trip and we're planning on going to South Mountain this year.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Council Edward Norris: Next one, iPod broadcast expense $500.

Unknown: What is that?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, go ahead.

Brother Rod Frazier: Rod Frazier Camp 5. What is the iPod broadcast.

Council Edward Norris: I think it is some old technology.

Council Kevin Tucker: It is supposed to be podcast not an iPod cast.

Council Edward Norris: It says Ipodcast, broadcast. I don't know what it is but I'll make a motion to get rid of it.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Peter Preble. Broadcast extraordinaire. So, this came up last year as an idea for recruitment that George Maple and I were going to work on. Circumstances beyond our control actually prevented us from getting things rolling. We would like to take another stab at it this year although I think $500 is more than we would need. There is some associated expense and it will come in somewhere around $100-$150. So, if we wanted to continue, which I think we are both willing to take another stab at it, we can reduce that down to say $150.

Unknown: What is the podcast?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Sorry, I didn't answer that question. So the idea was that it would be geared towards some recruitment; it would probably be a monthly thing that would be out on the internet for people to listen to with some interviews. I know we've tried twice to interview the Commander in Chief so maybe we can interview the next one. We just keep rolling until we finally get one. So the idea behind it was that we would produce this thing, it would be out there,

Brothers could share it with people who are interested. There would be some Civil War history involved in it. These things are rather hot right now and we are trying to capitalize on the fact that these things are out there and they are relatively inexpensive to get started and get rolling on. We just haven't been able to do it. That is where we are at.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: I make a motion that we reduce that line item to $150.

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Wouldn't $200 be better?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: There was a reason why it was $500 last year.

Unknown: They bought equipment.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No, they didn't.

Chaplain Peter Preble: We have it.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We will pass on this while we look at last year's proceedings and go to the next one. We are going to wait on that.

Brother Edward Knight: There is a motion made and seconded and we have to deal with that.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Can we table it?

Brother Edward Knight: Yes, you can table it.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Do you need a motion to table?

Brother Edward Knight: Yes, you do.

Unknown: So made.

Council Edward Norris: Second. Next is Wreaths Across America $250. This is a new one; we didn't have it last year.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any objections? Does anyone know what we are trying to do? As you all know, they come down through this area and they go to Arlington. They stop at the Tufts fairground and have a program there. From that I was thinking gee, this would be something, stealing the name from them for the moment anyway, something that we as Camps should be doing also. They are doing it on the multiple, like in Lynn where there are 10,000 veteran's graves, that is pretty expensive. Considering the way they do it, they will set up a program in an area where you raise the money. They will sell you two wreaths for $15 apiece and the third wreath they give it to you free. It works out to around $10 apiece for the wreaths. What we are thinking of is each Camp this year, if we bought wreaths and then just placed them at cemetery monuments representing the veterans. In Lynn there is actually three monuments, one for World War I, Civil War and World War II. So, there would be a need for three separate wreaths there. We could put them in and have some sort of a ceremony for them. That was the

idea behind this. It takes funds to get it started and we will try to get the Camps to go along with that. Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I want to add to what the Commander said. Wreaths Across America doesn't set up a program; you have to set it up. What they try to do is have somebody in your town work with the veterans organizations in a town to raise funds for wreaths for veterans in those towns. It would certainly be too much for a Camp to try to put a wreath at every veterans grave. The idea is for you to work with your local veterans committee, VFW, Legion, whatever group to try to get fundraising. They show you how to raise funds and then take that money and buy wreaths. That is the gist of what they try to get us to do. This funding is not for that. This funding is to directly buy those wreaths to place at monuments at the Department Commander's discretion, or how is that going to work?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes

Council Kevin Tucker: I just wanted to clarify that

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any objection? Passed

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: We need to bring that other item back for discussion.

Council Edward Norris: We've gone through, so we need to readjust the pod broadcast.

Council Kevin Tucker: Podcast.

Council Edward Norris: It did say iPod.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Treasurer. I can read the whole thing if everybody wants me to go through it verbatim. Basically, it started out at $120 last year and through discussion, I believe it was Peter Preble who said $300-$500 to do it properly. It was voted on to do $500. If they needed $300 to $500 last year I don't see where they could do it for any less this year.

Chaplain Peter Preble: We have found a less expensive way to produce it, so I think the $150 is enough.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Are you sure?

Chaplain Peter Preble: I think so.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any further discussion? Passed

Council Edward Norris: That is the end.

Commander Dexter Bishop: What is the total?

Council Edward Norris: $30,325.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I have 525.

Council Edward Norris: Did you get an increase of 1450?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I have an increase of 2000.

Council Edward Norris: Let me check.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: $1000 for the National Encampment, $200 for the Department Depot, $50 for officers bonds, $400 for the travel expense.

Council Edward Norris: Minus the $200 for NERA.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Minus the $200 for NERA.

Council Edward Norris: Plus $300 for Good of the Order.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Plus $300 for Good of the Order brings it up to 1750.

Council Edward Norris: Minus the $200 for ROTC.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: We didn't cut the ROTC, did we?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, we did.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Then I missed that. So, you're right.

Council Edward Norris: We have a budget of $30,325. Currently we are projected for $4833 over anticipated income.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have that anywhere that we can cover it?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Yes, we do in the checking account.

Commander Dexter Bishop: In the checking account, okay. So, our budget is set. Does anyone have any other questions they might want to ask of the Treasurer for the Council before we move on to our next…..

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: The next thing we do is nomination and election of Officers.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Good of the Order.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Good of the Order is usually after.

Commander Dexter Bishop: I'm just trying to kill time.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: You want to kill time. We can do nominations and then Good of the Order.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we want to do lunch?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Lunch is not until 1230.

Unknown: I thought lunch was at 12 o'clock.

Council Edward Norris: Oh, we have an hour plus.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, they changed the time on us. Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: In that case could we take a short recess before we start nominations.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Sure. (three raps) Chaplain will close the Bible. We will take fifteen minutes.

Recess at 11:25 Reconvened at 11:50

Commander Dexter Bishop: We're going to pass out last year's proceedings. Camp 104 Commander, would you come up and get your copy of the proceedings? Camp 61. Peter would you take this back to Camp 50? Nobody is here from 26. Camp 25. Camp 22. Camp 15. And Camp 5. All right, we're going to do nominations

Council Edward Norris: Commander, are we going to go back to unfinished business after nominations this afternoon.

Commander Dexter Bishop: This afternoon, yes.

Council Edward Norris: We will do that and new business?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes. Then we are all set.

Council Edward Norris: Thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Nominations. Do we have any nominations for Commander? Yes sir.

Council Kevin Tucker: I nominate Dan Murray, our current Secretary/Treasurer.

Unknown: Second

Commander Dexter Bishop: Nominated and seconded.

Council Edward Norris: I don't think you need a second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: No, I don't think so either.

Council Edward Norris: I just think you have to ask him if he will serve.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Will you serve if elected?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Yes.

Commander Dexter Bishop: You will. Do we want to do the single rap for all of it at one time?

Unknown: Three raps for each.

Brother Edward Knight: I say that when nominations are closed the Chaplain cast one ballot for each

Council Kevin Tucker: I don't think that's right.

Council Edward Norris: You need to ask three times if there are other nominations.

Council Kevin Tucker: I'll make a motion that in the event where there is only one person nominated for office, the Secretary cast one ballot for that person.

Unknown: I'll second.

Unknown: There are two motions on the floor.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, I see that now.

Unknown: Did they get a second?

Commander Dexter Bishop: No.

Council Kevin Tucker: Then there is only one motion on the floor.

Commander Dexter Bishop: I think you are right on that.

Council Kevin Tucker: So, the Secretary in the case of the Commander cast one ballot.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations for Commander? Is there any other nominations for Commander?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: There is still a motion on the floor.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We have a motion now.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: That the Secretary cast one ballot for everybody but the Commander's position and the Chaplain will cast a ballot for the Commander's position.

Commander Dexter Bishop: There you go, you got it right. Do you have any objections? Motion passed. We did the three already so now do we elect them all at one whack?

Council Kevin Tucker: First the Chaplain is going to enter one vote for Dan for Commander.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Then I am going to whack it. (Laughter)

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: That didn't sound good on the recorder.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Hey, if we can't have a little fun, gimme a break. Go for it

Chaplain Peter Preble: I cast a ballot for Dan

Commander Dexter Bishop: Senior Vice Commander; any nominations for Senior Vice?

Council Georgia Maple: I nominate Chip Chambers.

Brother Edward Knight: I'll second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Made and seconded. Will you serve if elected?

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Yes

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? I guess you cast one ballot.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I cast one ballot for Chip.

Commander Dexter Bishop: All right, Junior Vice?

Council Kevin Tucker: I would like to nominate Bill Naughton of Camp 104.

Commander Dexter Bishop: And who are you?

Council Kevin Tucker: I am Kevin Tucker. I want to nominate Bill Naughton from Camp 104 for Junior Vice Commander. Bill has been in the organization for over 11 years, has served as Camp Commander, Senior Vice, Junior vice, everything but Treasurer and Secretary. He is currently the Department Graves Registration Officer where he has been doing substantial work. He has registered over 4000 graves. Every waking moment of his life he is researching graves. You can ask him anything and he will tell you about graves. He is really dedicated to the office, dedicated to the Department, allowing it to grow. Bill is a fine schoolteacher, great speaking voice and that's all you need.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any other nominations?

Council Edward Norris: You didn't ask him if he would serve.

Commander Dexter Bishop: If elected will you serve?

Graves Registration Officer William Naughton: Yes

Commander Dexter Bishop: Now do we have any other nominations?

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris Camp 25. I would like to place Peter Preble for Junior Vice Commander. Peter is a member of Camp 50, member of 61, and he was a member of Camp 25 as well. He is our current Department Chaplain, he is also our Historian and you have heard some of the work is that he has been doing at the Rockland hall. Peter was also recently promoted to second Lieutenant in the Sons of Veterans Reserve as the Chaplain of the first Military District. He has a lot of experience working with our organization.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Will you serve if elected?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Yes.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are there any other nominations? Do I hear any more nominations? Hearing none nominations are closed. We will pass out ballots. Write the name of your choice, fold it in half and Charlie…... Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: The name of your choice will be either Peter Preble or William Naughton.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Council Edward Norris: We haven't heard a report from the credentials committee so I don't know if all are entitled to vote.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: There are 19 brothers registered and entitled to vote.

Council Edward Norris: Is there anyone in here that is not entitled to vote.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Donald Martin.

Council Edward Norris: We have a Junior member?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: That would mean 18 members. He is not 14 yet?

Unknown: We can wait.

Council Edward Norris: It depends who he is going to vote for.

Voting slips are passed out

Council Edward Norris: You will need three people to count the ballots.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Okay. Perley, would you be one of the three?

PCinC Perley Mellor: Sure.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Since you stood up, would you be one of the three?

Council Edward Norris: I'll recuse myself since I made one of the nominations

Chaplain Peter Preble: Bill and I will count.(laughter)

Junior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: I'll volunteer to count.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Okay, thank you. We have two. While they are counting, Kevin do you have anything you would like to say. You are always good for something.

Council Kevin Tucker: You will probably want to talk about 30th of April in Charlestown. So, what that is, is an annual Civil War Remembrance Day for the City of Charlestown. It happens just down from the Bunker Hill monument at what is called the training field where there is a huge Civil War monument. It will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, there will be a ceremony at the American Legion post across the street and then we walk out into a rededication of the monument. Then afterwards we go back for a collation at the Legion. There's good food and you can park down at, there is a parking area where Papa Gino's is at the bottom of the hill and we hope as many as possible will show up and we will have a good showing. It is our show really but the Legion puts it on for us. If you can show in uniform it will be great.

Council Edward Norris: Just don't bring a rifle on the MBTA.

Council Kevin Tucker: Although I have.

Council Edward Norris: Have you?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes, at the South Boston parade. We had to take a train to the beginning of it and walked back to where our cars were. That was right after 9/11.

PCinC Perley Mellor: Brother Commander. Perley Mellor, Past Commander in Chief. By a vote of the Brothers, William Naughton.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Next is Council, we need to elect 2 members.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I would like to nominate Kevin Tucker for Council. He has done a fine job over the last few years, is a Past Department Commander, he helped to get us two National Encampments in Massachusetts and I think he should have a seat on the Council.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Will you serve if elected?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes, I will.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Would you serve… Yes, go ahead.

Council Edward Norris: I just want to know who's two seats are up.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Yours and Kevin's.

Council Edward Norris: Thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any other Council nominees?

Council George Maple: I nominate Dexter Bishop.

Commander Dexter Bishop: That's me.

Unknown: Will you serve?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, I will serve. That is two for election. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Seeing none, nominations for Council are closed. Next is Secretary. Yes.

Council Edward Norris: I would like to nominate John Dupre, he is the current Secretary and Treasurer for Camp 25.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Will you service if elected?

Brother John Dupre: Yes, I will.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Seeing none, nominations for Secretary are closed. Next is Treasurer. Yes

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, and I would like to nominate Edward Norris. He has been the Treasurer before in this Department for three or four years, is on the National Council and is a Pass Department Commander, and he said he would step up.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Will you serve if elected?

Council Edward Norris: Only if nobody brings me any bills. Yes, I will.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Seeing none, nominations for Treasurer are closed. Now we need to elect Delegates to the National Encampment. Do we have any volunteers who want to go to the National Encampment?

Council Kevin Tucker: How many are we allowed?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Eight.

Council Kevin Tucker: I can't go as a delegate because I am a past Department Commander. Raise your hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, come on one more, eight, there we go.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Keep your hands up, Chambers, Fraser, Dupre, Charlie Lewis, Ken London, Preble and Naughton. We have our eight.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Hearing none nominations are closed for delegates. Yes.

PCinC Perley Mellor: I make a motion that everybody else in the Department as of this date be made an alternate.

Council Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion has been made and seconded. Any objection? Motion passed. That's it, elections are done. We're going to break for lunch and come back at 2 o'clock here. Chaplain will close the Bible.

Recessed for lunch at 12:15

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Does the Council want to stay and look at the books.

Council Edward Norris: We already did.

Reconvene at 2 PM

Commander Dexter Bishop: Okay, do we have any old business? Hearing none, how about new business? There's always somebody, go for it.

Council Edward Norris: This will only take a couple of hours.

Unknown: We've heard that before.

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, uninstalled Treasurer.

Unknown: Preinstalled.

Council Edward Norris: About to be installed. We have three CDs down at the Mayflower Bank in Middleborough. One for $29,035.14, $9311.05 and the final one was $31,787.11 for a total of $70,133.30. I would like to make a motion that we sell two of the CDs, the 29+ and the 31+ for a total of $60,822.25 at the current market value and we use that to purchase stock in the consumer staples market.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Dexter Bishop: A motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion on this? Yes.

Brother Edward Knight: I have to ask, what has been the return on that fund over the last couple of years?

Council Edward Norris: It has been less than one percent.

Brother Edward Knight: No, no, the one you are putting it into.

Council Edward Norris: We had Merrill Lynch look at it and they believe the real estate market could be soft in the future. They recommend we sell our stock in that, which has performed quite well, and get into the consumer staples market which we have very little of. Actually, I don't think we have any. To help generate some additional income because the CDs earn about 1% which is practically nothing, that we invest $60,822.25. It will give us a higher percent of return in the 4% or 5% range.

Brother Edward Knight: How has that fund performed over the last three or four years?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: 12% this year. From last year to this year, 12% increase in the fund.

Brother Edward Knight: Okay.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Dividends are about a three and a half percent increase.

Council Edward Norris: So, this is all still permanent funds, it is just the reallocation of it. That leaves us $9311.05 we need quick cash for something we can always cash, well we can't cash the permanent fund but if something were to happen, like the stock market going totally bad, at least we have some money we could survive on. Not with the budget we have today though.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any further discussion? Hearing none, any objection? Motion passed

Council Edward Norris: Thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Any other new business? Yes.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Peter Preble, loser for Junior Vice. This year our soon to be installed illustrious Treasurer is running for National Junior Vice Commander and I hope he has better luck than I did. I can't wait to see what the minutes are going to read. I would like to make a motion to purchase a full-page ad in the National Encampment program for an ad for his run, which is $40, for his run for National Vice.

Unknown: I'll second that.

Council Kevin Tucker: What's in the ad?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Vote for Ed. We will let him decide that, how is that?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do we have any objection? Motion passed. Do we have anything else under new business? Let's look at Good of the Order.

Council Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Camp 25. We mentioned earlier during the budget talks about NERA. We have not had a good response to people attending NERA. I don't remember the last time we had a quorum, so I was talking with Bruce Frail and what we are going to do is one more meeting in New Hampshire in July, and we haven't set the date yet. We propose to put two motions on the floor, the first would be to end NERA and no longer continue and the second would be to distribute the funds to the Departments. I decided that you should know so if you have any concerns with that you can address them to myself or Bruce. If you have a real big concern about this, come to the NERA meeting and voice your opinion and your vote.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

PCinC Perley Mellor: Just one comment about that. The ladies have already disbanded. If you didn't realize it, the ladies have already disbanded.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander. I just wanted to remind everyone the Sunday before Memorial Day we will be at Bourne National Cemetery, it is actually the Veterans Administration National Cemetery at Bourne, for Memorial Day observances that we do every year as a Department. We generally lead the parade into the cemetery followed by all of the veteran's organizations. We have a ceremony and move on for our own ceremonies at the grave of the unknown soldiers; there are six unknown soldiers, or seven with one being in a different spot. This is something that we do every year. This year the superintendent of the cemetery is going to join us too, so as many folks as possible please show up in uniform. You show up at 12 o'clock noon, the parade steps off at one, followed by the ceremony. Again, it is the Sunday before Memorial Day, is Memorial Day the 30th this year?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, I think so.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No, it is the 29th.

Council Kevin Tucker: So, it is the 28th. If you can please make every effort to show up for that. It is our one National Cemetery in all New England. It is newer than the Civil War so as you all know the unknown soldiers were reburied there from Virginia. The week of Memorial Day I think we already did the dinners and all that and Charlestown. I believe that's it, thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: On the 13th of May, we will be rededicating a gravesite at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. The fellow was buried without any type of, basically it was an unmarked grave. His great-great-great-nephew has been pushing to get a marker placed there. It is now in place and we have been asked to dedicate that site on 13th of May at 1 o'clock. We need a good contingent of individuals for that. If you would like to come and fire, we have been asked to do a gun salute. If you can make it, talk to Kevin and Kevin will coordinate everything that goes on.

Unknown: What is the date?

Commander Dexter Bishop: May 13th.

Unknown: What time?

Commander Dexter Bishop: 1 o'clock.

Unknown: Thank you

Commander Dexter Bishop: That is a Saturday. Yes, go ahead.

Unknown: Did anybody check to see if we can shoot?

Commander Dexter Bishop: I will make sure we can. I am pretty sure we can.

Unknown: Some cemeteries will not allow it; it is a Catholic cemetery which is generally more stringent.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, I know.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: You can always apologize later.

Brother Edward Knight: Sometimes it is better just to ask for forgiveness. Much easier to get forgiveness than permission.

Council Kevin Tucker: Or bail. (Laughter)

Unknown: (Unintelligible) $61,000 in bail.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Do I have a motion to rescind the last……. (Laughter) Okay, you have anything you wish to add?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I have nothing.

Commander Dexter Bishop: We have reached that point where it is your show. Do we want to take a two-minute break before we start?

Unknown: Why don't we take 10?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Sounds good. The chaplain will close the Bible.

Recess at 2:13 PM.

Reconvene at 2:25 PM

Commander Dexter Bishop: We are going to go back to Good of the Order for a second because Ed has more to say

Council Edward Norris: Of course I do. (Laughter) Ed Norris, Camp 25. Our National Memorials Civil War Officer Walter Busch has issued a challenge to all the Camps and Departments and that is to up their registration of the Monuments. Walt sent me a list of the monuments we have today. We have 45 registered. There is a lot more than that throughout the Department. He challenged that each Camp register at least three monuments this year. I think we can do better than that. I went out last weekend and I did five, so it wasn't that hard. If

anyone wants to know how I did it I would be happy to speak with them about it. I just wanted to mention that and hopefully we can meet this challenge. I'm going to try to get our Department Commander to send out something on that. The other thing I want to mention just briefly is the Sons of Veterans Reserve. We have been revitalizing that throughout the New England region. Kevin Tucker started up the 11th Massachusetts so that is a brand-new SVR unit for us. Peter has been working diligently to get the 43rd Massachusetts up and running again, and that is out of Rockland. If anybody has uniform and wants to join the SVR, contact me, Peter, or Kevin. That is all I have say.

Unknown: What is that?

Council Edward Norris: The SVR is the uniform part of the Sons. We do things such as the Honor Guard bringing the flags in parades and stuff like that.

Brother Rod Frazier: Rod Frazier, Camp 5, can you send out the list of monuments?

Council Edward Norris: I will.

Brother Rod Frazier: Okay

Council Edward Norris: I'm done.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Your sure now?

Council Edward Norris: Officially.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Okay. We'll see.

Unknown: We will hold you to that. (Laughter and unintelligible background chatter)

Commander Dexter Bishop: Are you ready?

Commander in Chief Donald Martin: Yes. Commander Bishop, in relieving you of the Command of this Department. On behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trusted that in surrendering the Command of this Department your interest in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left. Commander-Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? Secretary you will call the role of the officers-elect and staff appointees who, as their names are called, will rise.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: The appointed officers are GAR Highway Officer George Maple, Chaplain Peter Preble, Eagle Scout Awards Officer Edward Knight, Clarion Call Editor Rod Frazier, Guide Charles Lewis, Color Guard Richard Cultrera, Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Norris, Graves Registration Officer William Naughton, ROTC Officer Albert Smith, Department Organizer Edward Norris, and the Signals Officer will be Jack Manning.

Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin: Brothers, these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

Brother Guide, please present these Brothers before the altar for installation. You need to bring up all the officers elected and appointed.
Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander, you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interests of this Department and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal. ability and good works. I trust that you will appreciate great confidence placed in you and that you will remember that the success or failure of the administration of your Department will depend very largely upon which you discharge the duties of your respective offices.
Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties? If so answer by saying I am.

Officers elect and appointed: I am.

Commander in Chief Donald Martin: You each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible or the shoulder of the Brother in front of you, and repeat after me using your name where I do mine
I, Officers elected and appointed (names stated), having been regularly chosen as an Officer of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby renew the sacred obligation given at the time of my initiation, and in the presence of Almighty God and the members of this Encampment here assembled do furthermore solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will, to the best of my ability, in word and deed and without fear or favor faithfully, honestly, and impartially perform all the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.
Encampment, attention. You can put your hands down. Guide please conduct the Officers to their respective stations, acting Officers vacating.
Commander, by the votes of the members of this Encampment you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is an evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War but it is also assurance that your conduct of the affairs of this Department will be characterized by faithful, earnest and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trusts and grave cares await you, into their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you. As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine provider, the Chaplain will ask his assistance and guidance.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Let us pray. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that Thou art ever watching over them. Keep them in good health that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with Your great mercies that they might be confident to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action in Your name through the mediation of Your blessed Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Commander Donald Martin: Commander, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I am about to place you in full control. But first, I give to your care the Charter of this

Department. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I am placing in your care the Ritual of our Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing, two raps calls the officers to their feet, three raps calls up the entire Encampment. And now, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as the installing officer of the Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the officers of this Department legally elected, and installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending in 2018, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed. Now, I am pleased to present you with the badge of the office of Department Commander.
Commander Murray assume your command. Be truth to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching in your loyalty and rule with urbanity, impartiality and firmness, and may your administration be successful.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you.

Commander in Chief Donald Martin awards the Past Department Commander badge to Past Commander Dexter Bishop.

Commander Daniel Murray: Before we close, I would like to thank everyone for placing their confidence in me and my ability to run this Department. I hope I live up to your expectations. Before we close, in the back, Brother Roderick Fraser is selling tickets to raise money for Camp 5 to do the programs in Lynn. He is selling them for five dollars apiece. I believe you're selling one-hundred tickets, it is a portrait of General Grant. If you would like to help the Camp out with their fundraising buy a ticket from him please.

Council Dexter Bishop: They are five for $20.

Commander Daniel Murray: Do we have any other business?

Treasurer Edward Norris: I do.

Commander Daniel Murray: Go for it.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I make a motion that any photos of me holding up the wrong hand be stricken from the record. (Laughter)

Unknown: Denied, too late, it is already on Facebook.

Commander in Chief Donald Martin: On the way to the Banner.

Unknown: It is going in the ad in the program book.

Commander Daniel Murray: There being no further business to come before the Encampment we will proceed to close. The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Let us pray. Our Father in Heaven, we pray you deal with the events of this meeting as you deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in your perfect will. Preserve us in strength, health and integrity while we remain here, and when our mission on earth is ended take us to a better world. Amen.

Commander Daniel Murray: Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity and an unswerving loyalty. I now declare the 135th Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ROLL CALL

Commander	Dexter Bishop	present
Senior Vice Commander	Conley W Ford	absent
Junior Vice Commander	Stuart Chambers	present
Council 1	Edward Norris	present
Council 2	Kevin P Tucker	present
Council 3	George E Maple	present
Secretary/ Treasurer	Daniel W Murray	present
Patriotic Instructor	Kenneth London	present
Chaplain	Peter Preble	present
Historian	Peter Preble	present
Color Bearer	vacant	
Guard	Charles Lewis	present
Guide	Richard Cultrera	present
Counselor	Kevin P Tucker	present
Civil War Memorial Officer	Richard Parker	absent
Graves Registration Officer	William Naughton	present
Eagle Scout Award Officer	Timothy T Callahan	absent
ROTC Officer	Albert Smith	present
GAR Highway Officer	George Maple	present
Department Organizer	Edward Norris	present
Signals Officer	Jack T Manning	absent
Newsletter Editor	Reynaldo Rodriguez	absent

Department Delegate Count by Camp

	Members	Camp Commander	PCC	Delegates	TOTAL
Camp 5	21	1	0	3	4
Camp 15	29	1	3	4	8
Camp 22	12	1	1	2	4
Camp 25	31	1	8	4	13
Camp 26	8	1	1	2	4
Camp 50	14	1	4	2	7
Camp 61	12	1	2	2	5
Camp 104	24	1	4	3	8
Camp 132	12	1		2	3
Camp 318	8	1	4	2	7
TOTAL	**171**	10	27	26	**63**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Department of Massachusetts
Department Council Report

The Department Council has examined the financial statements of the Department and find the records proper.

The Department Commander requested that we look at a proposal from Merrill Lynch and we spoke with them on two occasions. They believe that we have too much invested in Real Estate stock and should reinvest the proceeds from the sale of that stock into Consumer Staples. Merrill Lynch wanted to manage $250,000 at the cost of 1% per year and move the entire portfolio under them. The proposal didn't show us generating any more annually than we do today, thus a possible $2500 less in income due to their management fee. The Department Council decided that the proposal wasn't worth further action. The proposal is available for review and will be turned over to the Department Treasurer at end of the Department Encampment.

Consulting with the Department Treasurer we believe we can sell our CDs which earn about 1% and purchase stock in the Consumer Staples market. A motion to do so will be made during New Business.

The Department Council did not need to review or approve any expenses which would have been over budget or fill any Department Officer vacancies.

Submitted April 22, 2017.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Ed Norris, PDC (Chairman)
Kevin Tucker, PDC (Secretary)
George Maple, PDC

Department Chaplain's Report for 2016

To the Delegates and Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The duties of the Department Chaplain are proscribed in Chapter 2, Article 9, Section 2 and reads in part;

Section 2. Chaplain. The purpose of the office of Chaplain is to conduct such devotional services as directed by the Department.

(a) The Department Chaplain shall have charge of the devotional exercises of the Department Encampment.

(b) The Department Chaplain shall prepare letters of instruction for the observance of Memorial Day, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

(c) The Department Chaplain shall conduct prayer at all meetings.

(d) The Department Chaplain shall conduct grave site services for Brothers and important dignitaries.

(e) The Department Chaplain shall conduct memorials for grave dedication or rededication ceremonies of veterans - especially Union veterans.

(f) The Department Chaplain shall serving as custodian of the Department Bible unless assigned to another Department officer.

(g) The Department Chaplain shall serve as coordinator for the Department's Memorial Day ceremony.

(h) The Department Chaplain shall conduct annual memorial service at Department Encampment for deceased Brothers.

(i) The Department Chaplain shall provide each Camp Chaplain with information pertinent to their position.

(j) The Department Chaplain shall compose articles for Department newsletters as desired by the Department Commander.

(k) The Department Chaplain shall conduct memorial services for current and past officers of the Department.

(l) The Department Chaplain shall become familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

(m) The Department Chaplain shall submit required reports to the National Organization, as listed in Article III, Section 4.

I have endeavored, this past year, to fulfil my duties to the best of my ability.

I have attempted to communicate with the Chaplains in each Camp although such communication seems to only go in one direction. Prior to the Encampment, a reminder was sent to all Camp Chaplains and Commanders, asking that the names of deceased brothers be forwarded to me to be included in the Annual Memorial Service at the Annual Encampment but also so they could be reported to National. I am happy to report that we have not lost one brother this past year due to death, at least none were reported to me.

I communicated on a Department as well as a National Level we there has been a death and sent a card to the surviving family on behalf of the Department.

This past year, I was invited by the National Chaplain to participate in the activities surrounding Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania but due to circumstances, beyond my control, I was not fully able to participate as had been pre-arranged. I did, however, lead the invocation at the Annual Breakfast for the Sons of Veterans Reserve in Gettysburg during the weekend of Remembrance Day.

I was able to visit three camps this past year and participated in several ceremonies and monument rededications as well as assisted the City of Quincy in identifying the graves of several Civil War Veterans that had been lost to time and neglect.

I had the honor of representing the Department Commander at the Installation of the Officers of Camp 50 in Rockland as well as representing him at the Department of Rhode Island Encampment a few weeks ago.

Being your Chaplain these last years has been a great honor for me and I look forward to my continued service to our Order in this way.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Rev. Dr. Peter-Michael Preble
Department Chaplain

Department Historian's Report for 2016

To the Delegates and Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

At the last Department Encampment I was appointed historian for the Department of Massachusetts and given access to the Department Archives located at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Rockland, Massachusetts. Upon arrival it became apparent that the archives were in such a state it was going to take more than a year to get them into shape.

We are fortunate to have the space that we do at the GAR Hall and that we have access to the building and the room whenever we need to retrieve documents from the archives. This gives me the opportunity to spend time in the room when I can find a moment in my schedule.

At present, the collection contains all of the records of the early founding of the Department and original Charter Applications for the Camps. There are several shelves of books containing the records of Department and as well as National Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic as well as the Department of Massachusetts SUVCW. There are boxes of records from the Department as well as Camps that still need attention. All of these items are in great need of preservation. There is also a section of the Archives containing some records from the Auxiliary but in the past these records have been sorted through and some items have been removed and lost forever.

I am happy to report that the room has been organized and now attention can be turned to preserving the collection. Most of what is contained in the collection is paper, charter applications, camp and department reports, old charters, etc. These need careful attention as they are not being stored by current archival standards. I have been in contact with the curators at the Massachusetts Military Museum in Concord, Massachusetts and they have offered their assistance and technical guidance in the preservation of these documents.

Moving forward we hope to become part of the Digital Commonwealth project that will assist us in digitizing the collection for preservation purposes as well as archival research purposes. Many of the records contain information that is of importance to family history researchers as well as researchers of the role that Massachusetts played in the Civil War as well as the history of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Over the next year, the plan is to properly clean and store all of the Charters and Charter Applications that we presently have on file and work towards digitizing that portion of the collection. Another project is the cataloging of the books and other materials that we presently have on shelves in the Archives. These two projects will take the better part of the coming year.

I am happy to report that I have uncovered, what appear to be, listings from many of the cemeteries in Massachusetts and the locations of the burials of Civil War Veterans arranged by Town. I hope to have these scanned and available by summers end to anyone who would like to verify the locations and

ensure that they are listed in the Graves Registration Database that is presently maintained by National. I think you will agree this is a wonderful find.

With these projects in mind I need to ask for funding for the coming year of $400 for supplies such as archival folders and storage boxes that will enable us to preserve these documents. At present they are not stored properly and continue to deteriorate, some of the papers are over 100 years old. This should be the largest request for the archives although next year the plan will be to build shelves in the room to properly store and make available the information.

As historian I was proud to be able to return to Willie Grout, Camp 25 their original charter that had been in the possession of the Worcester Historical Museum. This was a very long and drawn out process that took several years and many people to include Past C in C Perly Melor and the fine work of the Worcester Grand Army of the Republic Board. It was such an honor to be in possession of the Charter and to be able to return it to the Camp.

I also had the honor of presenting a paper on the history of the Grand Army of the Republic in Massachusetts at last year's celebration of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have also begun a small project of putting together short biographies of the past Department Commanders and past Commanders in Chief from Massachusetts. I hope to be able to put this information on the Department Website and Facebook Page.

Just a notice to camps, if you have records that you would like us to store please do not hesitate to contact me and I can arrange pick up of these records. Any individual that might have archival information, such as copies of newsletters or other such items, that they would like to donate to the archives, please get in contact with me as well.

Yours in Fidelity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rev. Dr. Peter-Michael Preble
Department Hisotrian

April 21, 2017

Commander Bishop,

All of the Department reports required by National since last encampment have been submitted on time.

Since the last Encampment 1 Camps was suspended for failure to submit the Annual Report. The Camp was reorganized, moved to Framingham and has since been reinstated. Because one Camp has not submitted the Form 22 and most of the Camps have not submitted the required Camp rosters with their Form 22 Installation Report, I am estimating the current strength of the Department. The current Department strength is 1[redacted] Brothers. Those reports were due February 15.

As of this date I have received the Annual Report from two Camps. The Annual Reports are due to the Department by April 30, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel W Murray, Secretary

Secretary/Treasurer
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April 22, 2017

Dear Commander Bishop,

As of March 31, 2017 there is $7868.51 in the checking account and $2864.92 in the savings account. The current value of the Trusts and CD's is $212,158.89. The current market value of the Wells Fargo fund is $706,490.34, which is approximately a 12% increase over last year. The projected annual income from that account is now at $25,492.

Total assets for the Department as of March 31 are $929,382.66, which is an increase of $81118.98 since last year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Murray, Treasurer
Department of Massachusetts

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Department of Massachusetts

GAR Highway Officer Report

The amount of signs that I observed on Route 6 has not changed since my report at last year's Department Encampment.

On 6 East, I was able to locate 15 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern end of the highway.

On 6 West, I was able to locate 16 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern beginning of the highway. The additional sign on 6 West is on the Sagamore Bridge.

Several of the signs are not easy to spot as they are behind poles or foliage. A few towns have markers for both directions on the same side of the highway, making it harder to spot them unless you are looking for them.

Two towns have markers memorializing the highway for other groups.

Fairhaven has signs indicating it is Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial Highway.

Barnstable has signs indicating it is the Korean War Veterans Highway.

These are both worthy groups and I do not believe we should fight to remove the signs that they have put up.

Submitted April 22, 2017

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

George Maple, PDC

Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Office of the Department Treasurer
40 Lake Rd Brentwood NH 03833

The Department of Massachusefts SUVCW hereby authorizes the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to include the Department of Massachusetts and all of its subordinate Camps in the application for the group exemption letter.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Daniel W Murray, Treasurer
Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW

Subject: My Regrets for Saturday

From: Teresa and TJ Cullinane (tjandteresac@hotmail.com)

To: d_lmurray@yahoo.com;

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 6:42 PM

Hi Dan,

Please convey my compliments to the Department Commander, but I will be unable to join you this Saturday.

I hope that if circumstances allow, I'll be able to visit with my Bay State Brothers in 2018.

Thanks for extending me this courtesy.

In F, C, and L,

TJ

Past National President's Association of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

April 9, 2016

Department of the SUVCW of MA
c/o Daniel Murray, Dept. Secretary
40 Lake Road
Brentwood, NH 03833-6206

Dear Brothers,

We the Past National Presidents of the ASUVCW request that you as our Brothers respect the decisions of Our Order regarding any disciplinary verdicts we hold dear. The discipline of our order Article IV Section 2 #4 specifically states that any Sister under suspension is not a member of our Order until this suspension is served. Unfortunately your present Commander in Chief, Martin does not see this as relevant in his decisions with regarding the awarding of the Dr. Mary Walker Award to a person, namely Diane Mellor, who is currently under suspension. Your own requirements dictate that the recipient must be a member in good standing of the ASUVCW.

Our Auxiliary has always respected the rules and regulations of the SUVCW and has actually emulated your own rules with the dictates of our Order.

We are respectfully requesting that you as Our Sons do not participate in the awarding of this esteemed medal to a woman who is not a current member of Our Order, as we would observe any of your decisions.

Let us hope that once again harmony will be restored between our Orders.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
The Past National Presidents of the ASUVCW

Margaret Atkinson, PNP 1994-1996
Betty Baker, PNP 1997-1998, 1999-2000
Jacqueline Johnson, PNP 1998-1999
Mary Jo Long, PNP 2000-2001
Faye Carlisle-Thomas, PNP 2001-2002
Cynthia Brown, PNP 2002-2003
Danielle Michaels, PNP 2003-2004
Michelle Langley, PNP 2004-2005
Cynthia Fox, PNP 2005-2006
Judy Trepanier, PNP 2007-2008
Janice Harding, PNP 2008-2009
Virginia Twist, PNP 2110-2011
Anne Sosnowski, PNP 2011-2012

Anne L. Sosnowski, PNP
12 Coyne McKay Lane
Kennebunk, ME 04043

April 6, 2017

Commander in Chief, Donald L. Martin
6025 State Road 772
Chillicothe, OH 45601-8346

Dear Commander in Chief Martin,

I am extremely upset for the need to write this letter to you.
The Auxiliary had a hearing regarding the conduct and actions of Diane Mellor. At this hearing Diane Mellor was found guilty as she has destroyed the Massachusetts Auxiliary, divided loyalties, caused resignations of faithful members and refused to obey National rulings on her actions. Diane Mellor was suspended from all Auxiliary functions and official functions for five years.

I cannot believe that you are planning on bestowing the "Doctor Mary Walker Award" to Diane Mellor at the Massachusetts Encampment on the twenty second of this month. At this point Diane Mellor is not a member of the Allied Orders thus disqualifying her for this award.

Our Auxiliary and Sons have worked tirelessly side by side since the 1800's for the good of the Civil War soldier. This is a total disregard for the Auxiliary and the decisions by Our Order. Our CR & R and discipline procedures have been emulated from the Sons.

Where are the brotherhood, camaraderie and genuine interest of the Sons for THEIR Auxiliary?
Can you not stop this travesty and ensure that the Allied Orders remain the Allied Orders? There are many devoted Sisters who are justly concerned for this lack of acknowledgement of the Auxiliary.

I myself as a Past National President have spoken with many Past National Presidents and they are all quite concerned and upset over this action. Many Sisters who have received this Award are considering returning it, as this action of bestowing on Diane Mellor negates all the good done for the Sons by the Auxiliary.

My Commander in Chief, Don Palmer worked tirelessly throughout our year in office to cement a positive and firm bond between the Allied Orders. This action could negate all he worked for and accomplished.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Anne L. Sosnowski, PNP

Anne L. Sosnowski,
Past National President

---- David Demmy <execdir@suvcw.org> wrote:
All Department Secretaries please share this data with all of your Camp secretaries to be shared with Camp council and any Camp personnel reviewing membership applications for entry into local Camp. Any one listed on this report has been dishonorably discharged from the SUVCW and therefore is not entitled to future membership in any Camp in any Department!

Source: C&R - Chapter IV Discipline, Article 25.
Date: Feb 22, 2016 > Roster Page: 1 Selected Delete Code: Dishonorable Discharge

Department: California & Pac - NV and HI
Member From: 01/01/2000 To: 02/22/2016
Dept Status Code: Active
Date of Status Reason: 02/22/2016
Camp Name: Henry C Veatch Camp 30
White III, William Henry
Total: 1 Henry C Veatch Camp
Department Total: 1

Department: New York
Member From: 2/16/2014 - 12/10/2014
Dept Status Code: Active
Date of Status Reason: 02/22/2016
Camp Name: Oliver Tilden Camp 26
Farrell, Michael E
Total: 1 Oliver Tilden Camp
Department Total: 1
Grand Total: 2

Semi-annual reporting; next official annual report will be submitted prior to annual national encampment.
Shared this day 2February2016, National Headquarters, Harrisburg Pennsylvania
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Headquarters at Reservoir Park
Harrisburg, PA 17103

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Department Order No 1, Series 2017-2018

Section 1: It is with sincere appreciation I thank the Brothers at the 135th Annual Department Encampment for the support and confidence shown to me by electing me to the Office of Department Commander. I, along with my officers, will strive to bring honor to the memory of our Union ancestors through the good works of our Order during the coming year.

Section 2: Department Brothers who were duly elected and installed by Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin at the 135th Annual Department Encampment on April 22, 2017 are as follows:
☐ Commander – Daniel W. Murray, PDC
☐ Sr. Vice-Commander – Stuart Chambers, PCC
☐ Jr. Vice-Commander – William B. Naughton PCC
☐ Secretary – John Dupre, PCC
☐ Treasurer – Edward J. Norris, PDC
☐ Council 1 – Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
☐ Council 2 – George E. Maple Jr., PDC
☐ Council 3 – Dexter A. Bishop, PDC

Section 3: Department Brothers who were appointed and installed as follows:
☐ Chaplain – Fr. Peter Preble
☐ Patriotic Instructor – Kenneth London
☐ Counselor – Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
☐ Historian – Fr. Peter Preble
☐ Guide – Charles W. Lewis, PCC
☐ Guard –
☐ Signals Officer – John T. Manning, PCC
☐ Color Bearer – Richard Cultrera
☐ Graves Registration Officer – William B. Naughton PCC
☐ Civil War Memorials Officer – Edward J. Norris, PDC
☐ GAR Highway Officer – George E. Maple Jr., PDC
☐ Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Edward Knight, PCC
☐ ROTC Awards Officer – Albert Smith
☐ Department Organizer – Edward J. Norris, PDC

Section 4: My congratulations go out to Sister Mary Catherine Knight, PDP on her election to the office of Department President. I look forward to working with her in the coming year.

Ordered this 30th Day of April 2017,

Daniel W Murray, PDC
Commander

Attest:

John Dupre, PCC
Secretary

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Department Order No 2, Series 2017-2018

Section 1. At the November 2016 National Council of Administration meeting the National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter Busch PDC, challenged each Camp to record monuments on Form 61.

Section 2. I would encourage each of the Camps in Massachusetts to accept this challenge and record at least two monuments before the next Department Encampment.

Section 3. Brother Edward Norris, PDC was recently appointed as the Department Civil War Memorials Officer. If you should need any assistance recording the information on the Form 61. Brother Norris has stated that he is more than willing to assist with the recording process.

Section 4. The following Civil War Memorials in Massachusetts have already been recorded on Form 61:

- Acton tablets
- Ayer Camp Steven marker
- Belchertown
- Billerica
- Boston Gen. Devens
- Boston Soldiers and Sailors
- Boston Gen. Hooker
- Bourne National Cemetery
- Braintree
- Brighton
- Cambridge GAR
- Cambridge Sphinx
- Charlestown
- Chelsea
- Clinton monument
- Clinton cannon in GAR lot
- Dorchester meeting house
- Dorchester Everett
- Dunstable
- East Gloucester
- Harvard

- Hudson roll of honor plaque
- Jamaica Plain
- Lawrence Belleview Cemetery
- Lawrence City Hall
- Lawrence Needham Post
- Lawrence St Mary's Cemetery
- Lowell
- Lowell
- Lowell Victory
- Malden Foresetdale Cemetery
- Melrose
- Methuen
- Norwell Village
- Rockland GAR plaque
- Rockland GAR hall
- Saugus
- Sterling
- Shirley
- Somerville 39th
- South Boston
- Wakefield
- Watertown
- West Bolyston Cemetery
- Weymouth
- Woburn
- Worcester

5. Please forward the Forms 61s to Brother Ed Norris, PDC at norris.ed@comcast.net.

Ordered this 5th day of May 2017

Daniel W. Murray, PDC
Commander

Attest:

John Dupre, PCC
Secretary

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Department Order No 3
Series 2017-2018

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: General Frederick Lander Camp 5 is suspended for failure to file their required Form 27 Annual Report and pay per capita dues to the Department.

Section 2: In accordance with the National Constitution & Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 8 and the Department Bylaws, Article XVI, Section 9 General Frederick Lander Camp 5 is hereby suspended, effective immediately.

Section 4: The Camp may have its suspension lifted if all of its required forms and reports are filed with the Department and all of its indebtedness due the Department is paid.

Ordered this 24th day of May, 2017

Daniel W. Murray, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest
John Dupre, Secretary
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Department Order No. 4
Series 2017 - 2018

1. Brothers are reminded of Constitution and Regulation Chapter V, Art. V, Section 1. "Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors, Junior Associates and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order upon the left breast." An embroidered badge is not a badge. This also applies to any Brother attending Department Officers Meetings.

2. Section 1 also states "Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire." This particularly applies to officers at their stations and those seated adjacent to and in front of the Altar during business meetings of Department Encampments. This means jacket, tie, long pants and badge of the Order. The Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard may wear uniforms.

3. Brothers should also familiarize themselves with Section V which defines the order of precedence for how the badges are to be worn.

Ordered this 5th Day of June 2017

Daniel W Murray, Commander

Attest

John Dupre, Secretary

ANNUAL BUDGET 2017 -2018
4/1/2017 - 3/31/2018

CATEGORY	Actual	Budget	Difference
Dept Nat'l Encampment Expense		**4000**	
Dept Sponsored Events		**1000**	
Dept Benj. Butler Ceremony		**100**	
Dept Colors Maintainance & Equipment		**500**	
Dept Depot Rent Expenses		**1000**	
Dept Encampment Expenses		**2000**	
Dept Miscellaneous Expense Fund		**1000**	
Dept Officers Meeting Expense		**1000**	
Dept Officers Bonds		**300**	
Dept Officers Travel Expenses			
Dept Commander		1500	
Dept SVC		500	
Dept JVC		500	
Dept Sec		250	
Dept Treas		250	
Dept Chaplain		250	
Total Dept Officers Travel	**3250**		
Dept Secretary Office Expense		**500**	
Dept Treasurer Office Expense			
Annual CPA Expense		2050	
Office Supplies		350	
Tax Form Prep		500	
Total Dept Treasurer Office Expense	**2900**		
Dept Website Hosting Expense		**175**	
Flag Holders		**1500**	
Good of the Order Expenses			
Chelsea Soldiers Home		2500	
Eagle Scout Awards		300	
NERA Hosting		0	
Other Good of Order Expense		500	
Recruitment		500	
Research Geneology		200	
ROTC Awards		0	
Stone Placement & Cleaning		500	
Total Good of the Order Expenses	**4500**		
Lincoln Brunch Expenses		**500**	
Nat'l Encampment Delegate Travel		**2700**	
Remembrance Day Trip		**3000**	
Dept IPOD Broadcast Expense		**150**	
Wreaths Across America		**250**	
Total Expenses		**30325**	